

Brackett News

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Kinney County Is The Former Home To Kathy Taylor - A Published Author!

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What's Happening

PLAYOFF GAME



Our District Champion Varsity Girls Basketball team will play Port Aransas, Friday, Feb 18, at 7pm, in Charlotte in the first round of playoff action. GO TIGERETTES!

THE GLORY ROAD

In just 3 short weeks, the latest production of "The Glory Road" will be presented by the Old Quarry Society. Now is the time for anyone who would like to participate as villagers, soldiers, Indians, etc. We will start rehearsals in the Amphitheatre on Mon., Feb. 21, 6:30 p.m. All ages are welcome. For more information, please call 563-9229 or 563-5701.

FCA GOLF BALL DROP SALES

You can buy a chance to win your \$1,000 from any FCA student that is planning on going to camp. All campers have to sell at least 10 golf ball tries. If you would like to buy a chance, but don't know who to contact Rhonda Marquardt at BISD. The Golf Ball Drop will happen in May. Students must be through selling by March 1. Then the adult chapter takes over and sells until April 15. So you can still buy from the adults later. We usually take around 30-35 students to Christian leadership camp every summer. This is our one fundraiser for camp.

BATTLE OF THE EXES BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

MARCH 5 Make a Team: \$35 a Team (6 Players Max) Men's & Women's Teams Welcome cutoff date is 2/26. Contact Sponsors @ the High School: Kacie Williams, Misty Rose & Ralph Almanza @ 830.563.2491 ext 411. By e-mail to the Event Coordinator at meach98@yahoo.com. Come Watch Them Play: \$2 Adults, \$1 Students & Children

JONES ELEM-INTER EVENTS:

Monday, 2-21: Student Holiday/Staff In Service Day
Thursday, 2-24: No Tutorials-Rtl Conferences
Friday, 2-25: 6th Grade HEART

FAMILIES FOR A FUTURE

BC*FS is offering FREE weekly parent and child workshops at Brackett ISD. Families are invited to participate in these informal and fun activities. You are invited to attend an Informal meeting on Thursday, February 17, 2011 at the Hunt Library at 5:30 p.m.

SENIOR CENTER MENU

for Feb 21 - 28
MONDAY, Feb 21: CLOSED for the President's Day
TUESDAY, Feb 22: Chicken Mozarella; Pasta Noodles, Garlic Bread; tossed salad & peaches
WEDNESDAY, Feb 23: Pork Cutlet; stuffing, mixed veggies, wheat bread & pudding
THURSDAY, Feb 24: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes w/ gravy; pickled beet salad; biscuit & applesauce
FRIDAY, Feb (25TH)- BBQ Ribette sandwich, steak fries, tossed salad & cookie
Closed Saturday and Sunday
MONDAY, February 28: Baked ham; scalloped Potatoes; yellow squash; roll & pineapple chunks

RECYCLE THIS NEWSPAPER



Raw sewage damages church

By Leigh Jenkins
Contributing Writer

The fellowship hall at Frontier Baptist Church was damaged after the sewer flooded into the building on February 8.

Members of the Frontier were treated to the lovely smell of raw

sewage and a costly clean up and repair process when blockages in the sewer lines surrounding the church were later found.

On February 8, sewage flooded the toilets in the hall adjacent to their main sanctuary.

On February 12, the open lot beside the church flooded after the

cap on the sewer line was removed to prevent further damage to the building.

A professional clean up crew was hired to sanitize the building, but the repairs to the walls have not yet begun.

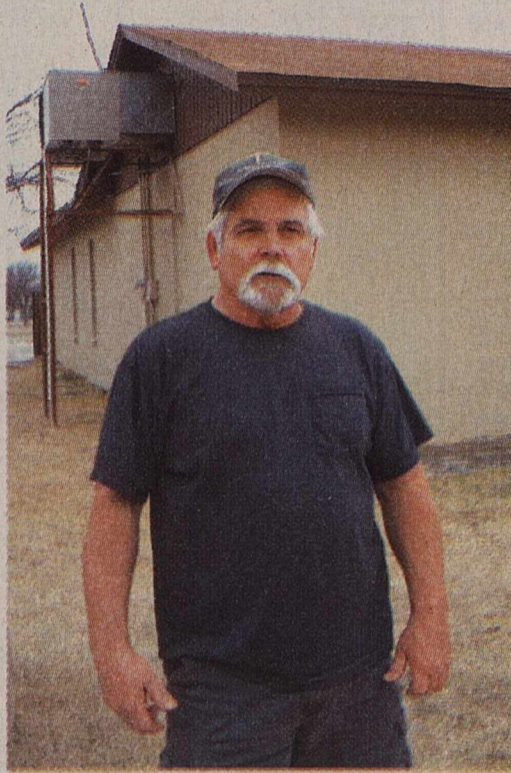
This is not the first time the church, pastored by Ned Sitzes,

has had to deal with a sewer related problem. In 2007, the sanctuary flooded and the church had to replace the carpeting.

A private plumber was called to bore out the lines and the City of Brackettville was also called in to assess the situation.

Brackettville City Manager Henry Garcia said this morning by telephone the City replaced an old clay pipe with new PVC pipe.

Sitzes said the City and their employees did a, "real nice job." He also joked the flooding is no excuse to miss church this Sunday.



Brackett News Weekly Photo By Leigh Jenkins - From left: Damage to the walls in the Fellowship Hall at Frontier Baptist Church. Frontier Baptist Church Pastor Ned Sitzes explains the flooding and repair process; and the covered trench that encases a new PVC pipe.

Elementary School seeks mentors

By Leigh Jenkins
Contributing Writer

Brackett ISD Jones Elementary-Intermediate Principal Alma Gutierrez, aided by Candy Hobbs, are launching a Mentoring Program.

The school is in need of community volunteers to lend their skills to helping improve overall learning for students.

The promotional materials ask if potential volunteers if they are musical; if they like to read; if they like to play games; if they are good

at solving puzzles; if they like to build things; if they have free time; and if they are a good listener.

Mentors have already started to sign up for training. Each mentor will be evaluated to, "determine how their personal strengths can best be utilized in the classroom to benefits," read the pamphlet.

If you are interested in becoming a mentor, contact Alma Gutierrez or Candy Hobbs, 830.563.2491.

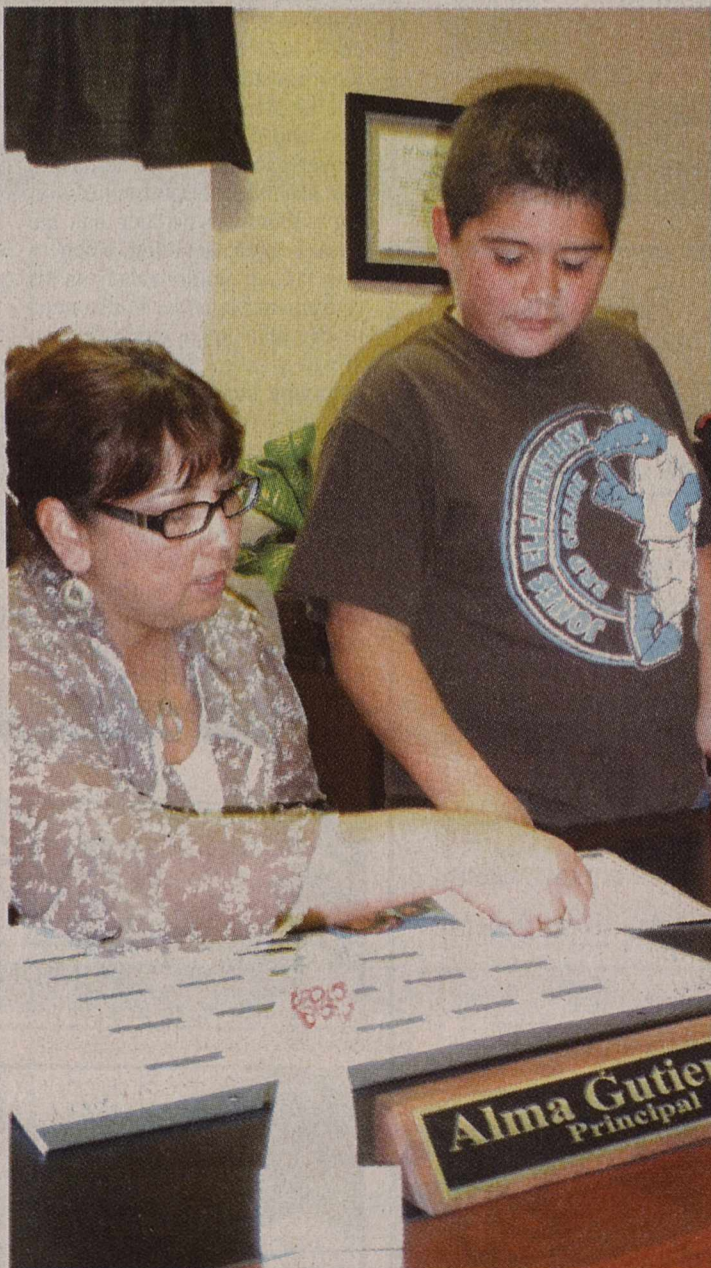


Photo Courtesy To The Brackett News Weekly - Jones Elementary-Intermediate School Principal Alma Gutierrez studies with Victor Huerta as she prepares to launch a mentoring project. The program is in need of people with a variety of skills to help local children.

Former Brackett teacher writes book

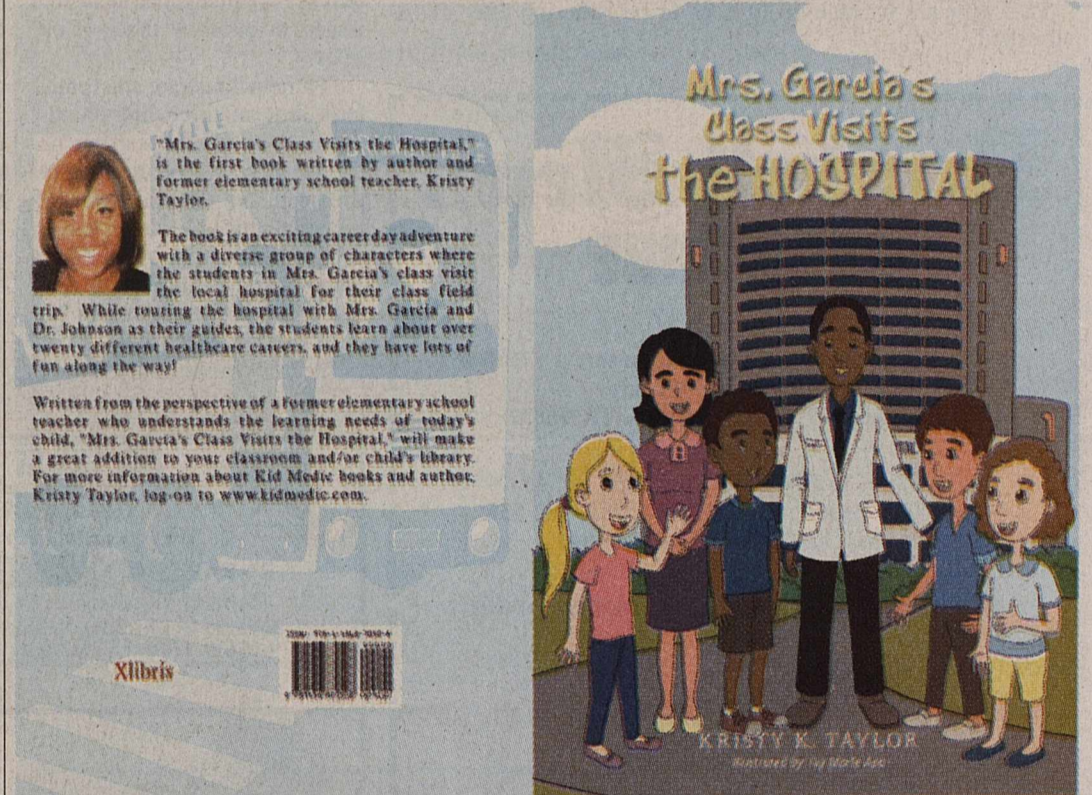


Photo Courtesy To The Brackett News Weekly - Former BISD elementary school teacher Kathy Taylor wrote a book and used Brackettville and Kinney County as her backdrop. Taylor also based the characters on a few of her former students.

Q and A with Author Kathy Taylor:

By Leigh Jenkins
Contributing Writer

Q: Where do you currently live? What do you do for a living?

A: I currently live in Palm Beach, FL, and I am a Health Professor at Palm Beach State College.

Q: When did you live in Brackettville?

A: I lived in Del Rio, but taught at Jones Elementary from January 2009-May 2010.

Q: What was your occupation in Brackett?

A: I taught 4th grade Math and Science at Jones Elementary.

Q: How did you come about living in Brackett?

A: I moved to this area, once I received the teaching job.

Q: How long did you live in the Brackettville area?

A: I lived in this area for 1 1/2 years.

Q: Why a childrens book?

A: During my time as an elementary teacher, I enjoyed working with the children. I wanted to do something that would inspire them in the same way that they inspired me. I wanted to show children that there is a big world out there and they can do anything that they want as long as they stay focused and set their minds to it.

Q: Is this your first book?

A: Yes

Q: What does your family think about you writing a book?

A: My family is very excited about my first book, they along with friends have been very supportive throughout the process.

Q: How do you obtain a copy

of the book?

A: The book will be available for sell begging in March on my website at www.kidmedic.com. The website also has free activities and downloads for kids, teachers, and parents about the book. In the mean time, interested parties can contact me via the kidmedic website to be added to our mailing list.

Q: Who is the publisher?

A: Xlibris Publications

Q: Who are the children you based the characters on?

A: Although this is a fictious story, I was inspired to use some of the children that I taught last year as characters in the book.

Q: Do you plan to keep on writing?

A: Yes, this is the first of many books that I plan to write focusing on health science career exploration.

Letter To The Editor:

Recently, an active FCS charter member wrote an epistle stating some confusing contradictions. The writer remembered the "Glory Days", in fact he joined FCS at that time and probably paid a few thousand dollars for privilege since many charter members have related that fact.

So, one may assume he did the same. At the time, the member thought it was worth every penny, for he enjoyed the facilities, activities, security, and the beautiful grounds. I've been told that at times there were some disagreements, but for the most part everyone seemed to get along and conducted themselves in a civilized and refined manner. There were no known acts of family violence, spousal abuse, and vulgar language; therefore, the life style was appealing enough for the member to join FCS.

North American Towns left FCS in the early 1990's, however the pleasant days continued for about 8 years. Some new people, who had moved frequently, became FCS residents and wanted everything "free" we use to pay a fee to finance good bands for activities and, only those attended paid and the Recreational Committee would break even. The RC did the same for the fish fries, hamburger suppers, boat races, women's luncheons (where ladies dressed in Sunday clothes), charter buses for plays, operas, and concerts in San Antonio.

Unit 38 became a financial disaster with more spent on development with a minus return on the investment. Besides the project exceeding budget, lots were available for optional swaps and then resold by members for profit. No provisions were foreseen regarding such a possibility. Many of these profiteers are still FCS residents.

A manager, who was fired (some years ago), vowed to be "the Fort's worst nightmare", a threat dismissed by numerous members actually became a reality. This ex-manager had more problems than the membership realized which surfaced recently to numerous ladies. A prominent lady, at that time, did not know the ex manager and had legal papers to be notarized by his secretary, a notary. I was told he wanted to know why this lady was in the office and went into a tirade when told the reason. I was also told he not only made a racial slur, but called her a "M---F---". His horrified secretary told him that she was the wife of a well known (called him by name) respectful person. He retorted that he didn't give a "F---" who she was and to get out. The lady kept this from her husband for fear he would confront him and be in trouble for assault. The husband has since then deceased.

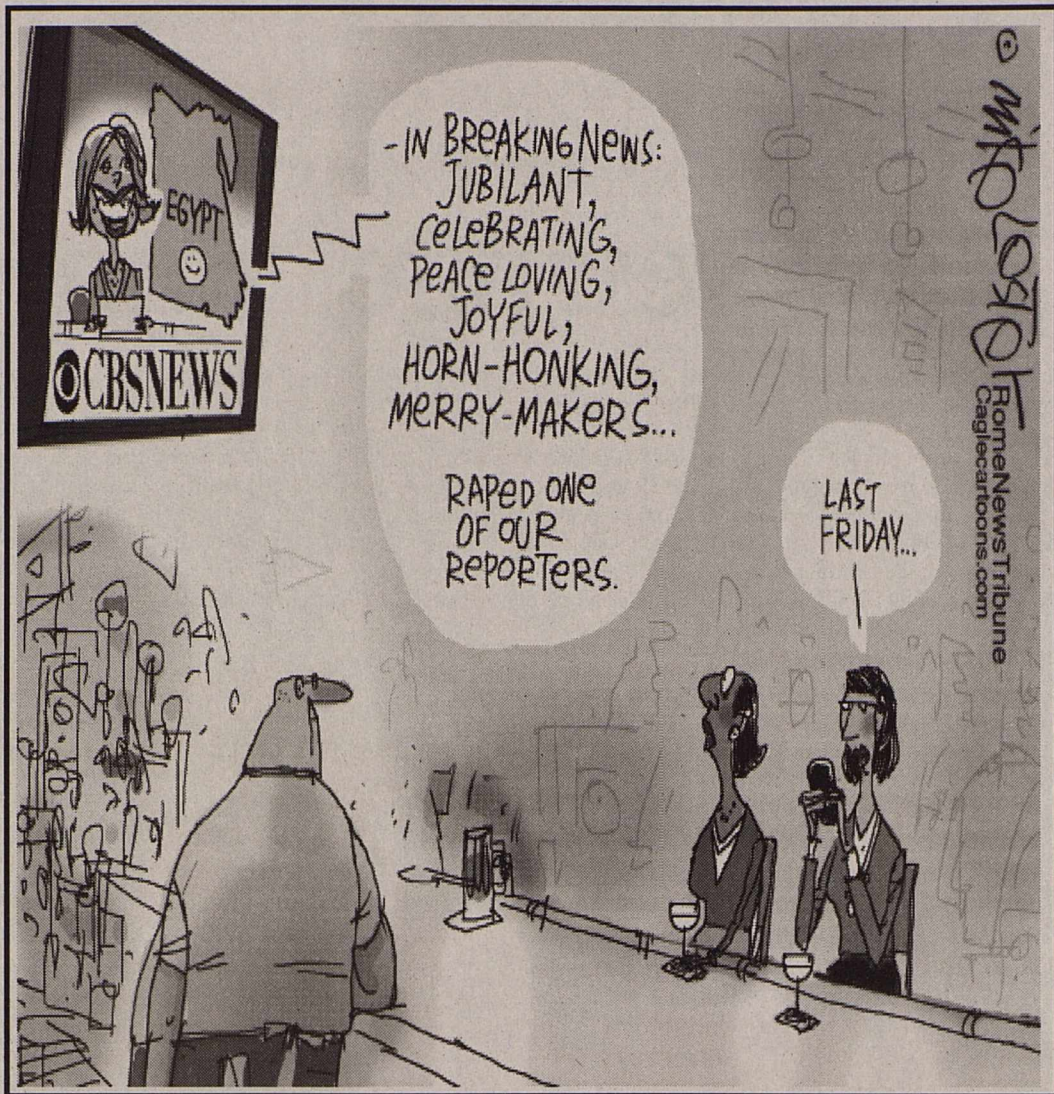
Intertwined by these events, were a reckless firing of employees, "Deer Run", and later becoming involved with a doubtful computer and copier company, and a questionable hiring of a so called sausage maker/restaurateur. By the way, where is the sausage man? No one seems to know... (San Saba?)

Newcomers are welcomed and the majority becomes assets to FCS; however, some are critical of other members, who disagree with their agenda. Some of these older members have a positive force in the community. Some people are responsible for "The Empty Saddle" statue and guidons, the children's playground equipment located in the "Swim Park", and the "Post Theatre" restoration a few years ago. Most of these "elites", as referenced by the writer, were members of the original "preservation Society". Elby Beard is our president, no secret members; they were an extension of "The Good Government Group", of which the Kurtz were a driving force. A phone number, address, with documents were always included in mailings, unlike the oppositions that simply signed "Concerned Citizens"

Why can't we collectively "preserve" a gracious lifestyle? It did exit, for the writer by his own admission, joined FCS at a time known as the "Glory Days"! Therefore, how could existence not exist? Why not aim for the ethereal?

Woodie Hornburg

PS I expect a barrage of hit dogs to be hollering after this is published



We just want to feel loved



Fly Lady Marla Cilley

We all get in an uproar about Valentine's Day. All any of us want is to feel loved! We don't have to wait for someone to love us, we can start today by taking a little time to pamper ourselves.

I can hear you now! I don't have time to pamper myself! Those words, I don't have time are your first clue that the stress level is starting to build. When you hear those words come out of your mouth or scroll pass that mental TV screen in your brain; I want you to stop whatever you are doing and realize that those words are a form of perfectionism. Set a timer for 2 minutes and do something for yourself.

There you go again with that perfectionism! "What can I do in two minutes to pamper myself! That isn't enough time to do anything!" OH YES IT IS!

I am going to give you a little list to get you feeling special!

1. File your fingernails
2. Drink a glass of water
3. Eat a healthy snack
4. Freshen your make up and smile at yourself in the mirror
5. Make a cup of tea or my favorite Cafe Mocha
6. Pick up a magazine and read or look at the pictures
7. Listen to your favorite CD
8. Close your eyes and breathe slowly and deep
9. Open up your personal journal and write
10. Make a list of things you are thankful for
11. Pet your cat or dog

It is the act of stopping the negative perfectionist thinking that helps to defuse the stress! The icing on the cake is the pampering action that takes care of you!

All that any of us have ever wanted is just to feel loved! You find us because you are searching for a way to get your home in order. You never dreamed that Finally Loving Yourself is the key that opens the lock that has kept you hidden away from the simple joys of life.

I am having a cup of Cafe Mocha right now. Here is my simple recipe, just mix it up and scoop out 1/4 of a cup for each mug with 1 cup of hot water.

1 cup of instant coffee, 2 cups of Nestles Quik and 3 cups of powdered milk.

Are you ready to FLY? Pick seven of these ways to pamper yourself and do them today. This can be your daily Valentine to yourself!

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS, check out her website and join her free mentoring group at www.FlyLady.net or her book, Sink Reflections published by Random House and her New York Times Best Selling book, Body Clutter published by Simon and Schuster. Copyright 2010 Marla Cilley Used by permission in this publication.

To Retire Comfortably, Know Which Moves to Make — and When to Make Them



Emily Cooper
Edward Jones in Del Rio

We all want to enjoy a comfortable retirement. But to do so, we need to make different moves, and consider different issues, at different times of our lives.

To help illustrate this point, let's look at three individuals: Alice, who is just starting her career; Bob, who is nearing retirement; and Charlie, who has recently retired.

Let's start with Alice. As a young worker, Alice most likely has four decades ahead of her until she retires.

Yet she realizes that it's never

too soon to start saving for retirement, so she has already begun contributing to her 401(k) and to an IRA.

And since she has so much time ahead of her, she has decided to invest aggressively, putting much of her contributions in growth-oriented vehicles. The market will certainly have its "dips" in the future, and Alice's account values could rise and fall from year to year, but the longer she holds her investments, the less of an impact that market extremes should have on her 401(k), IRA and other accounts.

Now let's turn our attention to Bob. Since he is within a few years of retirement, he has some key decisions to make. For one thing, he must decide if it's time to change the investment mix in his IRA, 401(k) and other accounts.

Because Bob doesn't have much time to overcome market

volatility, and since he'd like to maintain the gains he has already achieved, he may decide to become more conservative with his investments.

Consequently, he may choose to move some of his investment dollars from stocks to bonds and other fixed-income securities.

Realizing, however, that he may spend two or three decades in retirement, and knowing that he will need to stay ahead of inflation, he doesn't abandon all his growth-oriented investments.

Furthermore, Bob decides that he may need to bolster his retirement income, so he considers whether an annuity, which is designed to provide him with an income stream he can't outlive, is appropriate for his situation.

Our final "life stages" investor is Charlie. He has recently retired, so his biggest concern is making sure he doesn't outlive his financial resources. Therefore, he may need to consider a variety of moves. For starters, he should determine when to start taking Social Security and when to begin taking withdrawals from his IRA and 401(k) plans. [For a traditional IRA and a 401(k) or other employer-sponsored plan, Charlie, like all investors, must start taking withdrawals no later than age 70½.] After deciding when to start taking withdrawals from his retirement plans, he'll also need to calculate how much he can afford to take each year without emptying the accounts. Finally, he might need to rebalance his overall investment portfolio to provide himself with more income.

For help in making the types of choices described above, you may want to work with a financial professional, but in any case, you need to be prepared to take the right steps, at the right times, to enjoy the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned.

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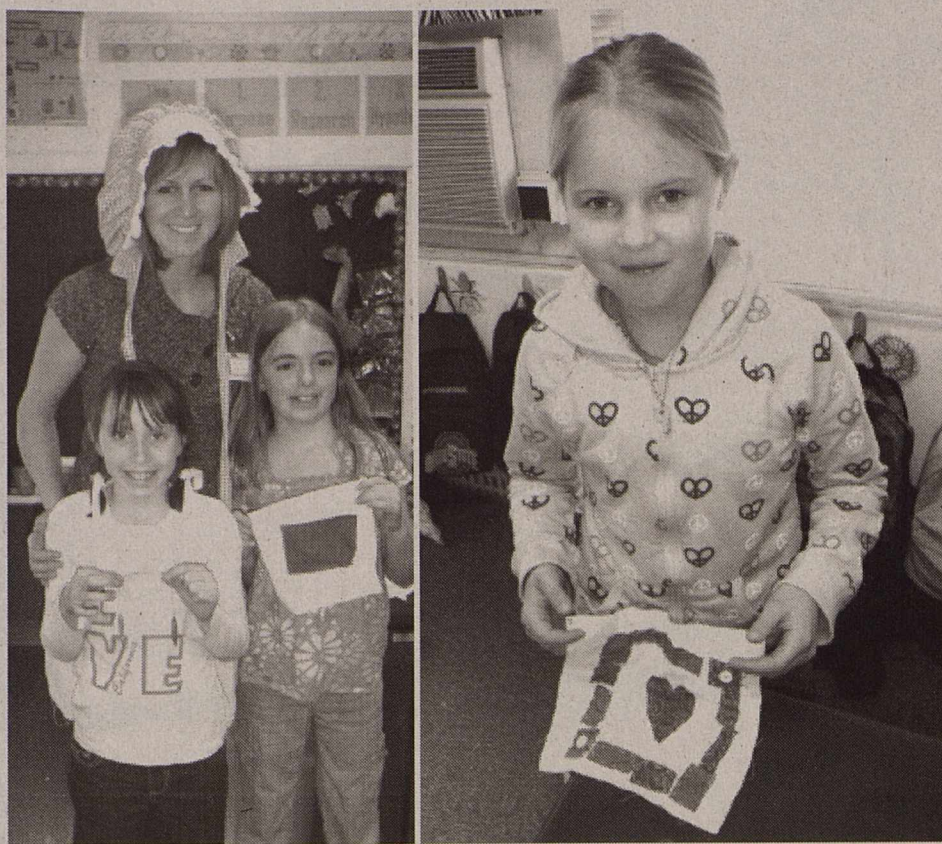
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Mrs. Keyser's 4th Grade Class



MRS. KEYSER'S 4TH GRADE CLASS was learning about life in the early 1800s last week with our "pioneer day". Students dipped their own taper (birth-day-size) candles and learned how to sew a quilt square. Tatum Presnall and Kate Linn Spence are pictured with Mrs. Keyser and at right, Kaili Price is pictured with her quilt square.



FOURTH GRADE STUDENTS created their own mail boxes for Valentine's Day to receive their Valentine goodies. Pictured left to right: Brendan Turkett, Mya Garcia, Taylor Gass and Judy Pinales (all in Mrs. Renfro's homeroom)



KARINA TERRAZAS (GRADE 4) poses with her "Flat Stanley" before putting it in the mail bound for Austin. Mrs. Keyser's students are participating in a flat stanley project this spring, sending their paper dolls all across Texas in hopes of learning first hand about the diversities of the Lone State state. Students will complete their project when the dolls return with photos and souvenirs later this spring.



BHS 2011 Varsity Golf Schedule



Boys V Friday February 25 Devine
 Boys Wednesday March 2 Harper
 Girls Wednesday March 2 Harper
 Girls V Monday March 7 Devine
 Boys Friday and Saturday March 11 & 12 Uvalde
 Boys and Girls Wednesday March 16th Bandera
 Girls Tuesday March 22 Uvalde
 Boys Monday March 28 Uvalde
 Boys and Girls District Deadline April 14 Bandera
 Boys and Girls Regional April 18-23 Brenham cc
 Boys and Girls State May 9-10 Austin



BHS 2011 Varsity Baseball Schedule



GAME CANCELLED: The baseball scrimmage schedule for Friday, February 18, in Pearsall has been cancelled so that we may go watch our District Champion Varsity Girls Basketball team play Port Aransas, in Charlotte at 7pm in the first round of playoff action.

Feb 21	Mon	Non District	Carrizo Springs	Here	5 and 7
Feb 24-26	T-S	Tournament	Sonora Tourney	There	TBA
Mar 1	Tue	Non District	Pearsall	Here	4:30 and 7
Mar 3-5	T-S	Tournament	Crystal City Popeye Tour.	There	TBA
Mar 8	Tue		Carrizo Springs	There	4:30 and 7
Mar 10-12	T-S	Tournament	Dilley Tournament	There	TBA
Mar 22	Tue	District	La Pryor	There	4:30 and 7 PM
Mar 25	Fri	Non District	Del Rio JV	There	6 PM
Mar 29	Tue	District	D'Hanis	Here	4:30 and 7 PM
April 1	Fri	District	Sabinal	There	4:30
April 5	Tue	District	Charlotte	Here	4:30 and 7 pm
April 8	Fri	District	La Pryor	Here	4:30 and 7 PM
April 12	Tue	Non District	Del Rio JV	Here	6 PM
April 15	Fri	District	D'Hanis	There	4:30
April 19	Tue	District	Sabinal	Here	4:30 and 7 pm
April 21	Tue	District	Charlotte	There	4:30 and 7 PM

BISD Employee of the Week



MARLA MADRID, Business Manager, Admin. Central Office

Six Things About Me You Probably Didn't Know...

1. I attended all 12 years of school and graduated from Lovington, New Mexico.
2. I enjoy listening to music
3. I love the Spring & Fall (cool temp. months).
4. My favorite vehicle is a truck.
5. I walk my "Lilmama" (dog) everyday.
6. I love looking at recipes & watching cooking shows, but I rarely experiment.

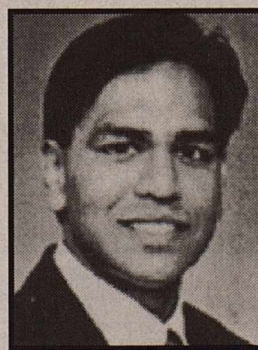
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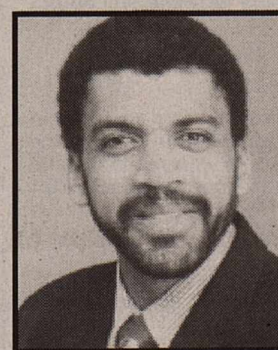
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Sheriff takes in 20K at vehicle auction

At the Kinney County Sheriff's vehicle auction on February 12, eleven vehicles and two trailers were sold. The sheriff's dept collected \$20,275. Kinney County Sheriff LK Buddy Burgess estimated 50-75 people attended the sale and all the vehicles available were sold. The lowest bid accepted last weekend was \$525 for a Chevy Suburban and the highest accepted bid was \$4,800 for an 2002 Dodge truck.

Community Events

PLAYGROUND PLAQUES
Brackett ISD is well on its way to enjoying a brand new playground. We would like to give the community this opportunity to purchase a bench or water fountain for the new playground area and dedicate it to someone special (ex: in memory of someone; to honor past/present employees). A plaque would be purchased and attached to the bench or water fountain in their honor. If you would like to make a donation or contribute please contact the school office at 563-2492.

BJH/BHS CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Feb 17: Softball tournament in Dilley
Feb 18: Softball tournament in Dilley; Tennis "Small but mighty" tournament in Uvalde; UIL One Act Play Clinic at Texas A & M Corpus Christi; Baseball scrimmage at Pearsall at 5pm.
Feb 19: Regional band JH Concert rehearsal; Softball tournament in Dilley; Tennis "Small but mighty" tournament in Uvalde; UIL One Act Play Clinic at Texas A & M Corpus Christi
Feb 21: Baseball game vs. Carrizo Springs in Brackett at 5pm/7pm; Staff Development Day/No School for Students
Feb 22: Softball game in Medina at 6pm
Feb 24: Baseball tournament in Sonora; High School Track in LaPryor
Feb 25: Baseball tournament in Sonora; Boys Varsity Golf in Devine; HS Tennis in Uvalde for Varsity Open Tournament; UIL One Act Play Clinic at Three Rivers High School
Feb 26: Baseball tournament in Sonora; HS Tennis in Uvalde for Varsity Open Tournament
Feb 28: JH Tennis at Nueces Canyon

5K RUN
Fort Clark Days 9th Annual 5K Run/Walk & Children's Fun Run March 5 at 7:30 a.m. at the Youth Recreation Center at Fort Clark Springs.

GODS FAVORITE
The Uvalde Arts Council will present Neil Simon's God's Favorite, directed by Shiloh Richter, at the Janey Slaughter Briscoe Grand Opera House on Friday and Saturday Feb 18 and 19 at 8pm; Sunday, Feb 20 at 2:30pm and Friday and Saturday Feb 25 and 26 at 8pm; Sunday, Feb 27 at 2:30pm. Orchestra tickets are \$12 and Premium tickets are \$10. 830.278.4184 or 104 North Street in Uvalde.

MEET THE CANDIDATES
Fort Clark Springs Community council will sponsor a "Meet the Candidates Forum" to be held February 12, 2011 at the Fort Clark Service Club at 10 AM. The forum will follow a short Community Council meeting and will be moderated by Mrs. Dianna Daniels who is the treasurer of the Community Council. Each of the candidates who will be running for a place on the Fort Clark Board of Directors will be invited to participate in the forum.

WILD HORSE ADOPTION
Wild Horse & Burro Adoption Heading to Del Rio, TX, February 10-12. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will hold a wild horse and burro adoption in Del Rio, TX, February 10-12, 2011. The three-day event will be held at the Val Verde County Arena and will feature over 50 spectacular mustangs! For more information, call toll-free 866-4-MUSTANGS (866.468.7826) or visit www.blm.gov

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Free tax return preparation service now available in Brackettville-Kinney County, in partnership with the Internal Revenue Service, has kicked off the tax season at the Kinney County Public Library on 510 S. Ellen. Call to make an appointment and take advantage of the free service.

FREE GED CLASSES
Students are still needed for the GED Spring Semester Class. Classes are free and will be held during the day from 9:00 -12:00 starting in February. For more information contact the library @ 830-563-2884. If you are interested you still have time to register.

COLLEGE BOUND ASSISTANCE
If you are thinking about going back to school but not sure where to start, the library can help. Representatives from the TRIO program at SWTJC will be here on February 8, to assistance students with all the necessary paperwork and financial assistance needed for the Summer I & Summer II sessions. Online classes are also available and a great way to get you education. For more information contact the library @ 563-2884

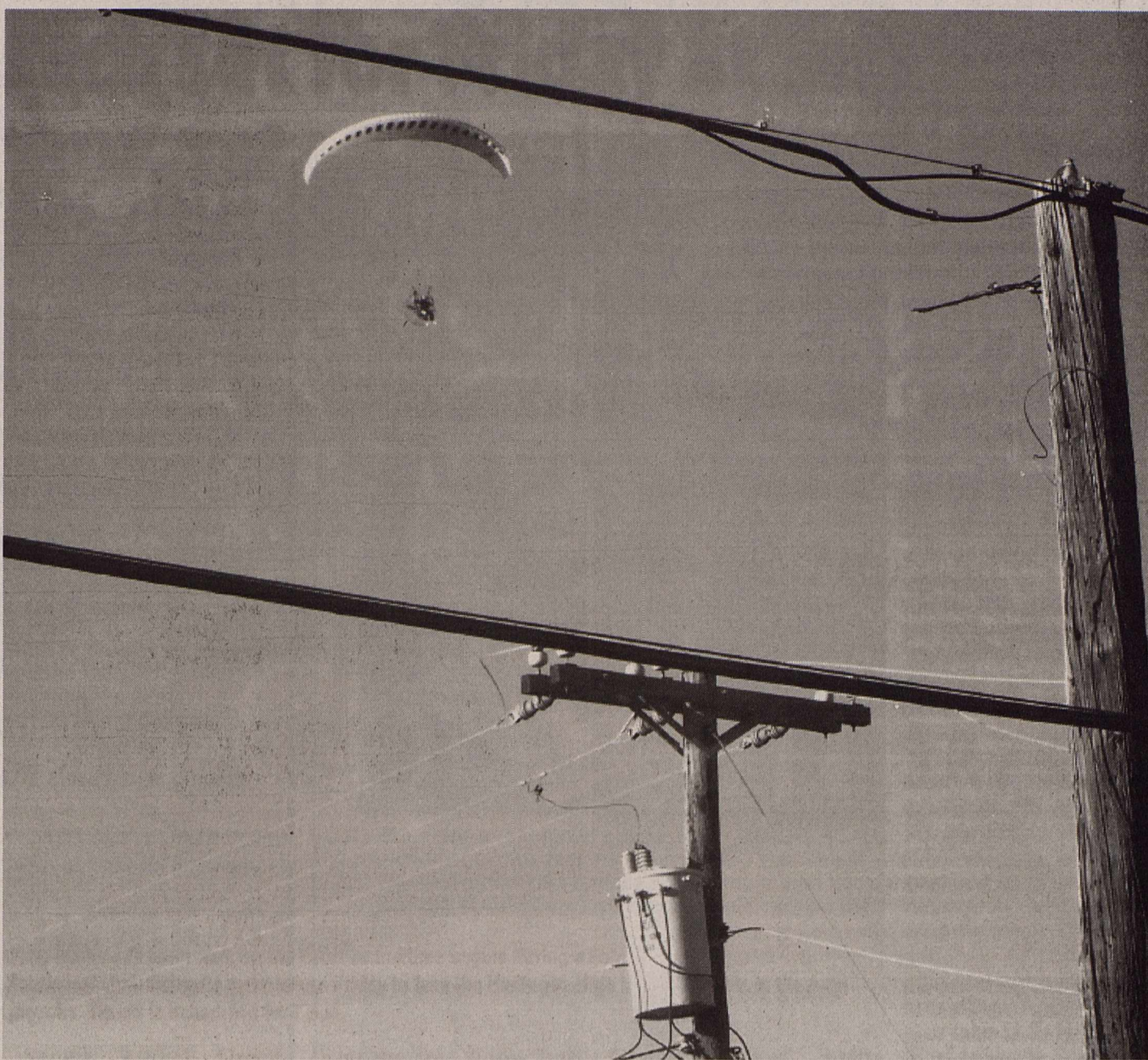
RESUME WRITING WORKSHOP
Learn how to create a resume using Microsoft Word or bring in your existing resume for updating. Learn about different resume formats and writing styles. Get quick tips to help your resume stand out with one-on-one help from the workshop leader. Call 563-2884 to sign up.

EMS WEEKLY REPORT
The week of January 30- February 5: Kinney County EMS responded to a total of 4 medical calls. One of the calls was transported to an area hospital.

AA MEETING
The Joy of Living Group of Alcoholics Anonymous closed meetings, has changed its meeting time from Saturday at 7pm to Friday at 7pm at 803 E. Crockett Street.

SPRING BREAK
Upcoming holiday schedule for BISD: Spring Break: Early release on March 11 @1pm and return on March 21 as scheduled

Paraglider takes to the skies over Fort



Brackett News Weekly Photo By Leigh Jenkins - A man visiting Fort Clark Springs took to the skies and buzzed around on his motorized paraglider on February 11. To see all the photos of the paraglider, please visit mybrackettnews.com or search Brackett News on facebook.com

Temperatures break through long enough for golf tourney

Submitted By Wally Jones
The temperatures rose, the sun was warm and the wind cooperated, and stayed below 5mph, a perfect day for golf. That was last Saturday afternoon. Twenty-four players came out and had a great afternoon of golf with fast and unpredictable greens. Still need a lot of rain. Mike Hess (Diane Daniels' visiting son) won the "Closest to the Pin" contest. First place went to Keith Edwards and John Bridger with a 64. Second place went to Fernando Romero and Charles Kelly, 68. Three teams shared the third place slot with a 70: Robert Hernandez and Ken Curry; Ken Tieken and Jim Spencer; Diane Daniels and Mike Hess. Once again we had a great lunch complements of the Pro shop and Wade Salomon, grilled Wurst with chips and fixins. Next months 2 Person Blind Draw Tournament will be on March 12, 2011 with a 12 NOON TEE TIME. Check in by 11:30 A.M. The tournament fee is \$15, not including cart and green fees. Come out and join the fun for a great day of golf. Contact the Fort Clark Pro Shop for information or to signup, 830-563-9204 or to view the rules of play.

Texas Department of Agriculture Seeks Texans Who Have Kept Family Farms and Ranches in Operations for 100 Years or More

Contacts: Bryan Black, Veronica Obregon
TEXAS STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
Conservation News
AUSTIN - In continuing a tradition of honoring hardworking generations of Texas farmers and ranchers, Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples is encouraging families to apply for the Texas Department of Agriculture's Family Land Heritage Program. The program recognizes family farms and ranches that have been in continuous agricultural production by the same family for at least 100 years. Applications are due May 1, 2011. "These families, who have operated their farms and ranches for 100 years or more, are strengthening Texas agriculture through their commitment to hard work and their love of the land," Commissioner Staples said. "This land stewardship is the foundation on which Texas agriculture is built, and thanks to their perseverance, the Lone Star State is today a powerhouse of productivity and the producer of the finest food and fiber in the world." This year's Family Land Heritage ceremony will be held in the fall at the Texas Capitol in Austin and will recognize farms and ranches established in 1911 or earlier. Eligible farms and ranches must still be owned and operated by the descendants of the founder, either through blood, marriage or adoption. At least 10 acres of the land must have remained in agricultural production for 100 years. There is no cost to apply for the recognition. Applications are available for download at www.TexasAgriculture.gov by clicking on Family Land Heritage, which is under popular links. For more information, e-mail Lance.Williams@Texasagriculture.gov.

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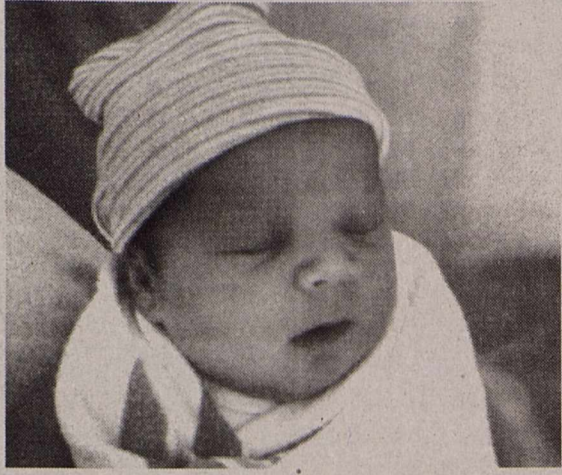
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Thank You
The Douglas Ward Jr Family would like to thank the entire community for their support and help through this tough time. A special thanks goes out to City hall, City workers, family and friends that really stepped up and helped a lot. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you all for your hard work and help.

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Community

It's a Girl



McKayla Drew Wardlaw was born February 14, 2011, at 8:38 a.m., at Val Verde Regional Hospital to Virginia Burgess-Tovar and Lenny Wardlaw.

McKayla Drew was welcomed home by her six sisters Aissa, Damaris, Taylor, Alexis, Megan and Julia; her grandmother Kathy Crowder and her grandfather the late L.A. Wardlaw; and many aunts, uncles, and friends.

It's a Boy

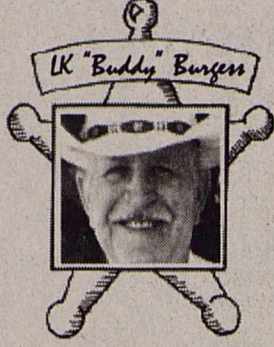


Ricky Nathaniel Ortega born February 15, 2011, at 5:21 p.m. in San Angelo, Texas, weighing in at 9 lbs., 3 oz. and was 21 inches in length to Ricky and Cassandra Ortega of Ozona, Texas.

Ricky graduated from Brackett High School in 2006, and his wife Cassandra graduated from Ozona High School in 2008. They have resided in Ozona, Texas for 3 years.

Baby Ricky was welcomed by paternal grandparents Richard and Blanca Ortega of Brackettville, Texas; and maternal grandparents Able and Roxie Salazar from San Marcos, Texas; and John and Diana Lewis from Ozona, Texas; and Great-grandparents Orfelio and Enedelia Escamilla from Roma, Texas. Congratulations and God Bless.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report



County Court was held on February 9.

Sixteen cases were on the docket.

All cases except for one were continued. Jesus Ricardo Pena

was sentenced to jail time for Burglary of a Vehicle.

Monday, February 7

A security company reported an alarm was sounding off at Pico Convenience Store. A deputy was notified and responded to the call.

A border patrol agent reported a small brush fire out on Hwy 693. KCFR was notified of the situation.

A women reported someone hit her vehicle and took off. A deputy was notified of the situation.

Tuesday, February 8
Juan Pablo Puento, 20, of Brackettville was arrested for criminal mischief. Puento was released on a \$1,500 bail bond.

Wednesday, February 9
Evaristo Villarreal, 24, of Brackettville was arrested for forgery. Villarreal was released the same day on a \$1,200 bail bond.

A security company called to report an alarm was sounding off at the BISD. A deputy responded to the call. Jesus Pena, 19, of

Brackettville was for burglary of a vehicle. Pena is still being held as press time.

Thursday, February 10
Luis Guajardo, 31, of Brackettville was arrested after his supervision was revoked. Guajardo was released on a \$2,000 bail bond.

A call from Val Verde S.O. called to report two cows out on hwy 277.

A man called to request a welfare check on his bother living at Fort Clark Springs in regards to a domestic situation.

Divorces- Marriages

Kinney County public records state the following petitions for divorce were filed: Samantha Ortiz v. Rolando Ortiz on October 29, 2010; Jose J. Garza v. Mirna L. Diaz on November 4, 2010; and Brian Scott Fisher v. Crystal Fisher on December 29, 2010.

The dates reflect only the day on which the application was filed, and it should not be assumed a final divorce decree has been issued.

Kinney County public records state the following

applications for a marriage license were filed by: Justin D. Smith and Jennifer L. Fowler on October 23, 2010; Jesus A. Balderas and Kristina Marie Flores on November 19, 2010; Julio L. Castro and Aurora M. Archilla-Quinones on November 22, 2010; Timothy M. Hale and Jenny Pusley Holt on November 23, 2010; Jose A. Castillo and Evelyn Rojas on December 18, 2010.

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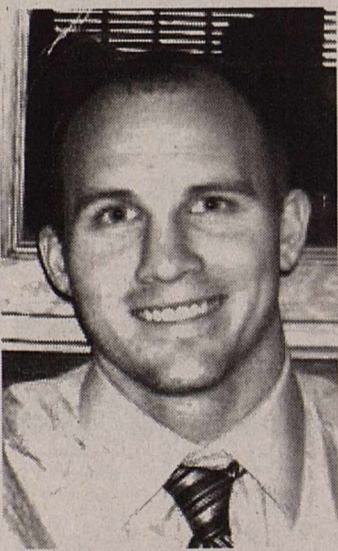
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Brotherton graduates ASU



Angelo State University conferred a B.S. upon Boyd R. Brotherton along with 365 other students during 2010 Fall commencement exercises December 11 in San Angelo, Texas.

Boyd is the son of Bonnie and Dusty Brotherton of Fort Clark Springs.

Our Redeemer installs new church officers

Submitted by ORLC
At the Sunday morning service February 13, Our redeemer Lutheran Church held installation for the coming year church council. Installed as President was Dick Reinap; Vice President, Nancy O'Brien; Treasurer, Bruce Trautwein; and as Secretary, Barb Williams. Council members: Dianne Daniels, Gail Reinap and Pastor Nathan Frenz.

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- **New listing: 120 Bliss Circle** Really cute 2BR/2B mobile home w/sunroom on 1 lot. Under Contract
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- ACROSS**
- TX Ringness invented the ___ plow
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 - 11 Dallas Cowboys
 - this Ferguson was 29th & 32nd gov.
 - '48 film: "___ from Texas"
 - TX McLish who was 1st "Ms. Olympia"
 - intentional misspelling of "bank"
 - team Dallas played in 2nd round of '10 NFL playoffs
 - TXism: "run around like a chicken with ___ cut off"
 - TXism: "___ the blanket" (divorce)
 - necklace
 - "what ___ is new?"
 - number of lines of printed matter
 - TXism: "we're ___ eye to eye" (agree)
 - rural TXNs use a septic tank instead
 - hospital care provider (abbr.)
 - TX Roy Orbison "Wilbury" tune: "___ Line"
 - "R" of "RBI" stat.
 - TXism: "it's ___ in cement" (permanent)
 - TX Kenny Rogers TV film: "The Gambler, ___"
 - 10% (2 wds.)
 - TX-born Carolyn Jones had a part in film "The Big ___"
- DOWN**
- TXism: "smoke ___" (find)
 - rainbow end: "___ of gold"
 - tree chopper
 - dog or snake tooth
 - '40 this TX Jenkins was lightweight champ
 - TXism: "he couldn't ride ___ horse"
 - untidy
 - weeding tool (2 wds.)
 - "not" prefix
 - TX-born pres. "Ike" (init.)
 - TX-born Jonathan Breck film: "The ___ Man" ('08)
 - extreme anger
 - at Aransas Pass: "___ Memorial Tower"
 - newspaper in seat of Comanche Co.
 - this Dillon starred in film "Tex" ('82)
 - TXism: "he ___ over everybody" (vicious)
 - "I'm ___ old cowhand..."
 - TX admiral Nimitz (init.)
 - TXism: "___ in the saddle" (good person)
 - sports network
 - song: "Whatever ___ Wants"
 - how TX makes money from some non-profit groups (2 wds.)
 - DART is "___ transit" in Dallas
 - this Isaac founded Hard Rock Cafe
 - hubby might buy daffodils for ___ anniversary
 - CSA general: Robert ___
 - Preston (init.)
 - ___ Myers designed the TX capitol
 - and sinker" (all)
 - Cowboy Mat McBriar speciality
 - TXism: "she threw a hissey ___"
 - TX microchip co.
 - something it rarely is in the Valley
 - dueling sword
 - polite TX address to a woman
 - "___ for all" (conclusively)
 - TXism: "worthless ___ boot"
 - Tex Ritter '48 tune: "___ Whiskey"

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